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Case 7262

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
D. S. CONNOR ET AL. : Confirmation No.: Unknown
Serial No.: 09/786,078 : Group Art Unit: Not assigned
Filed: February 28, 2001 : Examiner: Not assigned

For: IMPROVED PROCESSES FOR MAKING SURFACTANTS VIA
ABSORPTIVE SEPARATION AND PRODUCTS THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below in a Form PTO-1449 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO-1449 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1) - U.S. Direct (within 3-months of filing a regular application or converted provisional)

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2. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(2) - Via PCT (within 3 mo. of Nat'l Stage Entry)

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THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO (2) OR (3) MARKED WITH AN (X) ABOVE.

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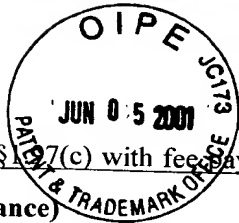
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4. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(4) - (before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), is being filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

5. ☐ Information to be Considered with CPA Filing. This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).



6. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) with fee payment - (use after 1st Office Action & before Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance)

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:

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Respectfully submitted,

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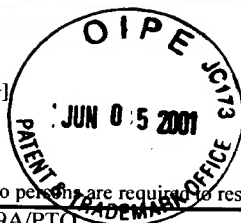

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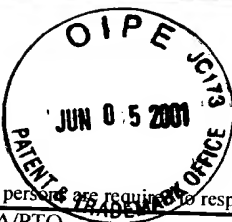
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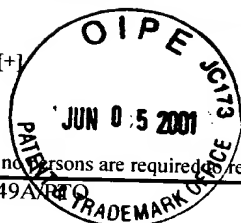
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